

TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen

Town Hall
242 Union Street
Rockland, Massachusetts 02370

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S OPEN SESSION held on Monday, January 3, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the H. Bernard Monahan Memorial Room, Town Hall, 242 Union Street, Rockland, Massachusetts 02370.

ATTENDANCE: Chairman John R. Llewellyn, Vice-Chairman Lawrence J. Chaffee, Larry J. Ryan, Louis U. Valanzola and Keven Pratt

Mr. Llewellyn asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the tsunamis and tidal waves in Indonesia. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited. The flag at Town Hall is at half-mast by direction of President Bush for the tsunami victims.

A. MINUTES:

1. Executive Session – July 19, 2004

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve Executive Session Minutes for July 19, 2004 – not to be released until all matters are settled.

Second: Mr. Pratt

Vote: 5-0

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Quality Auto Sales – Class II License

Mr. Jenkins supplied the BOS with a copy of his lease agreement.

Motion: Mr. Ryan to approve Class II License for Quality Auto Sales

Second: Mr. Pratt

Vote: 5-0

2. J & C Transportation – Livery

Motion: Mr. Chaffee to approve Livery License for J & C Transportation

Second: Mr. Ryan

Vote: 5-0

C. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

D. TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

The Tax Rate was approved by the Department of Revenue last week @ \$11.47.

Included in the Selectmen's packets was letter from the Town of Kingston regarding legislation for manufactured homes as 40B. I know this has been an issue in Rockland. The Selectmen can decide if they are interested in joining Kingston in support of this legislation.

The warrant for Special Town Meeting is open today. A reminder that articles are put in the warrant by date received so "the early bird gets the worm".

The Tax Collector wanted me to remind everyone that the tax bills are out. They are due on February 1st. Hold on to the other portion of your bill as the 2nd payment is due on May 2nd.

E. CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

F. OPEN FORUM

Mr. Chaffee sends his condolences to the family of Donald F. Walsh, Jr. who passed away this week. Mr. Walsh was very active in the Boy Scouts.

Christmas tree pickup – Troop 57 Boys Scouts have a Christmas tree pickup from January 8 – 22, it is a \$5.00 donation call 781-982-1619 before 9:30 PM. This is for Rockland residents only.

As Mr. Plante mentioned, the Tax Rate was set. This was accomplished through the hard work of the Town Administrator, Accountant, Tax Collector and the Appraiser/Assessor. The importance of this is that without the tax rate being set tax bills cannot go out and this Town would have to borrow to pay bills. I would like to thank those four people for a job well done.

Last but not least as you have seen we are offering awards for our men and women who are coming home after active service in the War on Terrorism. If you know of anyone who has come home please call either Tony Materna (Veteran's Agent) or the Selectmen's Office and we would be glad to honor those men and women who have given their lives so that we have the freedom to be here tonight.

Mr. Ryan sends his condolences to the family of Ken Tully whose father passed away.

I want to announce that I will not be seeking reelection in the 4th term. I think three terms is enough and I believe it's my time to move on. I want to thank the people of Rockland for all their support.

Mr. Llewellyn – Unfortunately Rockland was notified that they were the first community to have a motor vehicle fatality in 2005. He commended everyone for their efforts in trying to save this young man but unfortunately the accident was so bad nothing could be done. Chief Sammon also commended everyone for their efforts.

Mr. Valanzola – It looks like Adelphia has been taken over by Comcast. He just received notification in his mailbox and has not had a chance to review it yet.

Mr. Pratt also wants to send his condolences to the family of Donald Walsh. He was in Troop 57 and had the honor of knowing Mr. Walsh.

Charles Kimball – Spoke regarding pedestrian crossings and the fact that the people who are going right on red do not see the pedestrian crossing sign. Police and Fire said that they can't do anything about it. I've even asked our State Representative and he was going to try to come up with some legislation to do something about it. My point is, when you push the button we should go to the red and yellow. I'm asking the BOS to help me take care of this problem. He stated how well the Florida light system works. Mr. Llewellyn directed Mr. Plante to send a letter to Mass Highway to see if we can get this changed. Mr. Plante believes that we can do this on our own but if they are on a state road we will contact Bell Traffic.

Andy Triantaffelow (80 Lincoln Road) – I want to thank Bob Corvi for the great cleanup his department did on the last snow storm that we had. When they do a good job I want to say it. I also want to say something that has been irking me for the last few months. If I want to say something to someone I say it to their face. I don't run home and say it on the computer. The person who is doing it should have the guts to say something; they should get up and say it here.

Mr. Valanzola – Wanted to comment about the snow storm and also agrees that Mr. Corvi did a great job. However, he wanted to mention that he noticed that some people are "snowblowing" their snow back into the street and this shouldn't be done.

Chief Donovan wanted to commend and congratulate Sergeant John Llewellyn who was promoted to Deputy Chief. He is well qualified and has been on the department for almost 17 years.

Mr. Chaffee – If what Lou says is correct about Comcast taking over Adelphia we have to find out about this soon and do a transfer of license. Mr. Plante – Anytime there is a takeover, each licensing board has to approve it and they will have to apply to you.

Motion: Mr. Ryan to adjourn at 7:21 P.M.

Second: Mr. Valanzola

Vote: 5-0 Mr. Ryan – yes, Mr. Valanzola – yes, Mr. Chaffee – yes, Mr. Pratt – yes and Mr. Llewellyn - yes

LAWRENCE J. CHAFFEE
VICE-CHAIRMAN

BRADLEY A. PLANTE
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR